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### GOVERNOR FLETCHER COMMENDS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 88

Governor Ernie Fletcher commended the Senate for the passage of Senate Bill 88.

"I would like to applaud Senator Robert Stivers and the entire Senate for their leadership and acknowledgement of this issue. Together, we are sending the message that Kentucky is tough on drugs, and this bill advances our efforts to eliminate drug trafficking and substance-abuse in Kentucky," said Governor Fletcher.

Senate Bill 88 holds pharmacies as well as physicians, consumers and "internet brokers" accountable for their involvement in illegal drug trafficking. The bill will require an in-person examination of a patient and precludes physicians who have no relationship with a patient other than an internet questionnaire from prescribing controlled substances. This legislation will also connect Kentucky pharmacies electronically and record pseudoephedrine

purchasing data at the point of sale. Individuals who are purchasing from numerous sources will immediately be identified.

This bill also targets profits obtained by drug dealers through asset forfeiture and brings Kentucky's statutes more in line with federal laws by allowing these types of cases to be presented in State court as well as federal court.

"This legislation is important to our comprehensive approach to preventing substance abuse in Kentucky," said Senator Stivers (R-Manchester). "The components of this bill will make Kentucky's communities safer."

Along with Senator Stivers, co-sponsors of the bill are Senator Ray S. Jones (D-Pikeville) and Senator Dick Roeding (R-Lakeside Park).

### GOVERNOR FLETCHER SIGNS REORGANIZATION BILL



Governor Ernie Fletcher held the Justice Cabinet Reorganization bill signing ceremony Friday, March 23. Senate Bill

144 allows the Justice Cabinet to be renamed to the Justice & Public Safety Cabinet; creates the Office of Drug Control Policy within the cabinet; delineates the independent aspects of the Department of Public Advocacy's operation with the cabinet and transfers the Division of Motor Vehicle Enforcement from the Transportation Cabinet to a new department with Justice.

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## GOVERNOR FLETCHER COMMENDS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL 94



Governor Ernie Fletcher commended the General Assembly for the passage of House Bill 94 (Meth Lab Cleanup).

"This is a much needed first step and I applaud the legislators for passing House Bill 94," said Governor Fletcher. "We need to have standardized guidelines for cleaning up meth labs.

These guidelines should ensure that former meth labs are properly cleaned and made safe for future use. Our citizens will be well served by this bill."

House Bill 94 the Meth lab cleanup bill which will codify the procedures by placing the responsibility on law enforcement to notify the local public health authority and Cabinet for Health and Family Services of a property with

a meth lab. It will also require public health officials to quarantine the property via physical notice and written notice to the county clerk for an official entry in the property file. The Environmental Public Protection Cabinet will create a professional clean-up vendor certification program and CHFS will create a web site to list property currently listed as contaminated from a meth cook.

"House Bill 94 helps to protect innocent children and adults from unknowingly entering a home where meth lab dangers still linger. This is a serious public health hazard" said Representative Tanya Pullin (D-South Shore). "House Bill 94 is also a big first step in addressing clean up of these old meth labs and is important for environmental protection."

Representative Pullin is the sponsor of House Bill 94. This legislation is a step in addressing the environmental impact caused by meth labs and the dangers they present to Kentucky citizens.

## GOVERNOR FLETCHER ANNOUNCES NEARLY \$14 MILLION FOR LEE COUNTY COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Governor Ernie Fletcher visited Beattyville March 9 to present local officials with ceremonial checks totaling nearly \$14 million for community projects. The funding represents dollars for road and sidewalk improvements, water system and water treatment upgrades and a recovery program to help combat substance abuse.

Governor Fletcher presented the Three Forks Regional Jail with a \$97,500 ceremonial check.

The funding will enhance the jail treatment recovery program, which provide substance abuse treatment for inmates. The grant money is being provided by ODCP

The Three Forks Regional Jail program started two years ago with 10 inmates and is now providing treatment to more than 25 inmates.

"We have too many Kentuckians serving time in jails and prisons who need, but aren't receiving any treatment for their drug addictions," said Governor Fletcher. "This type of program offers a second chance for a successful life to those who have made mistakes in the past."



## GOVERNOR FLETCHER UNVEILS AN EXTENSIVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE INITIATIVE



Governor Ernie Fletcher announced in early February an aggressive substance-abuse initiative involving a balance of law enforcement, treatment and prevention-education. The Governor has proposed a broad range of legislation and substance-abuse plans which will

continue to tackle the drug problem in Kentucky.

"Removing drugs from our communities is one of the top priorities of our administration," said Governor Fletcher. "Drug trafficking is one of the greatest concerns of our citizens. I will continue to support and exhaust all efforts to make considerable strides to become a model for other states in this effort. We will not tolerate illegal use of drugs in the Commonwealth."

"In the past, people in drug prevention, treatment and law enforcement did not communicate and work together. Now, Kentucky has a balanced attack which has begun to reduce the drug trafficking and substance abuse," said Sen. Robert Stivers (R-Manchester). "These important initiatives will allow us to continue the cooperation and coordination between federal, state and local agencies and share drug and national security intelligence to make a larger impact on violent crime and the availability of illegal drugs in Kentucky."

"I want to implement a more aggressive and effective response to the drug problem in Kentucky, and one way to do this is by allowing nonviolent drug offenders to receive treatment before they hit the prison door," said Sen. Dan Kelly (R-Springfield), the Senate majority floor leader. "Senate Bill 34 will provide an emphasis on treatment and diversion instead of incarceration, which is part of the overall movement and attitude this administration has taken. We owe it to our citizens."

"With additional resources, the Drug Interdiction plan can make a difference in intercepting drugs, apprehending those who traffic, and keeping a significant volume of drugs from reaching our citizens and being transported through our state," said Gen. Norman E. Arflack, secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet. "Expanded

financial support, additional staffing, training and equipment will make an even bigger impact on removing drugs on highways and from common carriers."

The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the Office of the Attorney General also have worked together to enhance Internet pharmacy legislation. The practice of distributing dangerous narcotics over the Internet has become a nationwide problem. Kentucky was one of the first states to address the issue with the passage of Senate Bill 63 in 2005.

"The Internet has a dark side," said Attorney General Greg Stumbo. "We have learned this lesson well as we develop rapid responses to emerging criminal threats. This enhanced Internet Pharmacy legislation advances our shared goal to protect Kentuckians from these threats and the ravages of drug abuse."

The substance abuse initiative will include:

- drug interdiction plan
- asset forfeiture revisions
- secret compartment legislation
- pre-trial drug diversion bill
- enhanced Internet pharmacy legislation
- electronic monitoring of pseudoephedrine purchases

Asset Forfeiture, Electronic Monitoring and the Enhanced Internet Pharmacy legislation were wrapped into one bill, Senate Bill 88, which passed March 26, 2007.



The other substance abuse initiatives, Drug Interdiction, Secret Compartment and the Pre-Trial Drug Diversion did not pass during the Session which ended March 27. Senator Stivers sponsored several bills relating to substance abuse issues.

"As all Kentuckians know, we have a problem with substance abuse throughout the Commonwealth. Drugs are destroying not only our children's bodies and minds, but also families and communities," stated Senator Stivers. "We are aggressively attacking the drug problem and are working to make Kentucky a safer place."



## GOVERNOR FLETCHER PARTICIPATES IN AN ANTI-DRUG RALLY PLANNED TO MOVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE LEGISLATION FORWARD



Governor Ernie Fletcher participated in an anti-drug rally to support pending substance abuse legislation.

"Fighting drugs is a mission that brings us all together because by putting policy and people above politics we can restore devastated families and communities," said Governor Fletcher. "By working together can we treat addiction, teach our children about the dangers of drugs and enforce the laws against drugs in Kentucky."

Substance abuse has an especially significant impact upon children and families of drug users. The devastating effects of drugs were highlighted by Marcus Kidd, a fifth-grade student at Rogers Elementary School in Wolfe County, who spoke at today's rally.

"When I was just three years old my mom and dad were on drugs," said Kidd, reading from an essay he wrote as president of his school's UNITE Club. "They would leave us and go get drugs. Sometimes we would go with them. ... Since drugs mess with your mind we got beat with sticks, cords, their hand, and spatulas. Plus we had to move a lot. Our trailer went from really nice to horrible. They sold our beds, refrigerator, sink, stove, TV and toys for drugs."



Marcus Kidd sits with Governor Fletcher at Substance Abuse Rally

"It's no secret Eastern Kentucky has been devastated because of illegal drugs. Today is one more example of how our region is uniting together in order to stand up and say we have had enough," said Karen Engle, executive

director of UNITE. "Enough loss of life, enough wasted potential, and too many children suffering at the hands of addiction. We are here to ask legislators to stand with us in this important fight."



Tom Coderre, a former Rhode Island state senator who fought his own cocaine addiction, also participated to stress the importance of intervention and treatment. "You don't realize it is happening when it is going

on. I'm not unlike many people. I was in denial," said Coderre, who recently joined Faces and Voices of Recovery as the organization's national field director. "If you seek help early you don't have to lose everything."

"It is critical that law enforcement work together to combat the drug epidemic facing our citizens," said Attorney General Greg Stumbo. "KBI agents are currently training other law enforcement agencies on the Internet Pharmacy law and will continue to enforce it and yield results beyond the \$1.5 million in drugs already seized."

The substance abuse bills include:

### **Senate Bill 129** (sponsored by Senator Stivers)

- Hidden compartment
- Unclaimed property/money

### **Senate Bill 88** (sponsored by Senator Stivers)

- Asset forfeiture revisions
- Enhanced Internet pharmacy legislation
- Electronic monitoring of pseudoephedrine purchases

### **Senate Bill 34** (sponsored by Senator Kelly)

- Pre-trial drug diversion bill

### **Senate Bill 67** (sponsored by Senator Jones)

- Reducing DUI aggravating BAC .18 to .15
- Driving under the influence of drugs

## GOVERNOR FLETCHER AWARDS MORE THAN \$7.8 MILLION TO MARION COUNTY

Governor Ernie Fletcher awarded more than \$7.8 million in community development funding to Marion County officials on January 30. The announcements came as part of the St. Joe Community Center Building Dedication, held in memory of former Marion County Judge-Executive David Ross Hourigan.

The 6,000 square-foot facility will be used to meet community development needs for Marion County and surrounding areas.

Governor Fletcher also presented the Marion County Detention Center with \$90,000 to enhance its jail treatment recovery program, which provides substance abuse treatment for inmates. The grant money is from ODCP.

"Drugs are as much a health problem as a crime," said Governor Fletcher. "Too many Kentuckians who are serving time in jails and prisons aren't receiving treatment for their drug addictions. Statistics show drug-addicted inmates will return to jail if we don't continue to change our approach and treat them while incarcerated."

The Marion County program started two years ago with 10 inmates and is now providing treatment to more than 40 inmates.



"The jail treatment funding will provide the Marion County Detention Center with the resources needed to treat inmates with substance abuse problems, encouraging them to turn their lives around through treatment," said Laurie Dudgeon, executive director of ODCP.

## KRCC RECEIVES GRANT TO FOCUS ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL ILLNESS

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration awarded Kentucky River Community Care, Inc. (KRCC), through the sponsorship of ODCP, a \$1.5 million grant to help rural residents with co-occurring substance abuse and severe mental illness. The main substance abuse focus will be on methamphetamine and prescription drug addiction in eastern Kentucky.

Assertive Community Living for Appalachian Dual Diagnosed Adults (ACLADDA) is a project aimed at getting people treatment that meets their specialized needs, in the Kentucky River Region. "The project focuses on helping to meet the needs of individuals who have co-occurring substance abuse problems and severe mental illness," said David Mathews, Ph.D., KRCC Director of Adult Services. Mathews has hired four specialized clinicians to treat individuals with co-occurring disorders and five family health navigators. Through this network, "they will work as

a team to do assertive community treatment," said Mathews.

"Individuals with co-occurring disorders often have limited support networks and consequently tax the local community care system," said John Vinson, ARNP, ACLADDA's Project Coordinator. With this team approach, clients will receive the most suitable treatment based on their specific needs, with health navigators to guide them. "Clients will find the new system easier to use and mental health providers will find it more efficient."

The project's funding will be distributed over three years to create an "evidence-based integrated service delivery model as the cornerstone for treatment, coupled with recovery focused assertive community treatment and health services," added Mathews. In addition, "a main goal of this project is to design a special training and support for Appalachian paraprofessionals with a strong interest in providing community outreach and support to their fellow Appalachians."